

# International Cartographic Association Cartography and Children Commission

## Proposal to EC for an educational cartography competition.

Some time ago the Secretary General suggested that it might be a good idea to institute a competition for educational cartographic products as part of the ICC proceedings. This paper is a formal proposal for such a competition with some suggestions as to how it might be conducted. I hope EC will support the proposal and offer constructive criticism of the following draft guidelines. I would particularly welcome feedback on the *italicised* statements.

### Draft Guidelines

1. The competition aims to promote good practice in relation to the design and realisation of educational cartography.
2. Submissions are invited for the competition in the form of maps, atlases and other educational cartographic products designed to be used for school students within the 3-18 age range. The term 'educational cartography' should be interpreted broadly to include, for example, conventional and digital materials, maps, globes and GIS. It shall not be restricted to published materials (enabling, for example, materials produced by cartography students and teachers to be included). *Materials that are primarily instructional in nature (i.e. textbooks on map skills) are not, however, included.*
3. Items will be selected from those submitted for the map exhibition. Items submitted for the map exhibition will be deemed to be submitted to the educational cartography competition if they meet the criteria for inclusion. *Items may also be submitted directly for consideration by the judges. They must be accompanied by the same information as for items for the map exhibition.*
4. Up to three awards will be made (gold, silver and bronze). There is no financial prize but authors and publishers will be able to use the following statement in their promotional materials: '(Gold) award winner of the International Cartographic Association competition for excellence in educational cartography, date'.
5. The judging panel will normally consist of a member of the EC, a representative of the Cartography and Children Commission, a member of the local organising committee and up to two other members. No judge shall have been involved at any stage in the development of any of the materials being considered for an award.
6. The winner(s) will be announced on the ICA website with a short statement indicating the particular merit(s) of each winning item. Winners will not be notified direct.

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